

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 10/647,253

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR MAKING MICROPOROUS CERAMIC MATERIALS

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND
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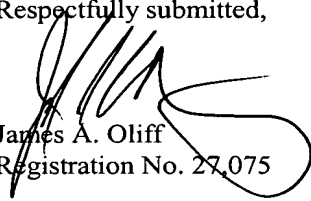
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 26, 2005, an extension of time for a period of one (1) month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 174560 in the amount of \$120.00 in payment for:

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